

SB1265



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB1265

Introduced 2/17/2015, by Sen. Daniel Biss

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/5-17

from Ch. 46, par. 5-17

Amends the Election Code. Provides that online voter registration shall be open for no more than 36 nor less than 7 days before such election. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section
5 5-17 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/5-17) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-17)

7 Sec. 5-17. If the county clerk determines, as provided in
8 Section 5-16.1, to have precinct registration in the county,
9 the board of county commissioners shall, prior to any general
10 state election held in the month of November of any even
11 numbered year designate a day or days and shall designate
12 convenient places in the townships or cities or villages or
13 incorporated towns for registration of voters. Such day or days
14 shall not be more than 36 nor less than 28 days before such
15 election. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
16 contrary, online voter registration shall be open for no more
17 than 36 nor less than 7 days before such election.

18 The provisions of Section 5-3 of this Article shall apply
19 to the selection of places of registration under this Section
20 and the provisions of Section 5-3 relative to the attendance of
21 police officers during the conduct of such registration shall
22 also apply.

23 The officers of registration chosen to conduct

1 registrations under the provisions of this Section shall be
2 chosen by the county clerk.

3 In choosing officers of registration, the county clerk
4 shall choose only persons residing in the township in which the
5 place of registration is located. He shall choose, in each
6 precinct, 3 officers of registration, at least one from each of
7 the 2 major political parties. The county clerk may appoint
8 additional officers of registration in precincts which have had
9 sudden increases in population.

10 The officers so chosen shall be voters registered under the
11 provisions of this Article 5, and shall have the same
12 qualifications and take the same oath as required of
13 registration officers under Section 5-4 of this Article 5, and
14 shall be subject to the same penalties.

15 The places of registration designated by the board of
16 county commissioners under the provisions of this Section shall
17 be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on such day or days as may be
18 specified by the board of county commissioners.

19 Registration under this Section shall be made in the same
20 manner as provided for precinct registration under the
21 provisions of this Article 5, but the canvass of registration
22 shall be made by 2 registration officers of different political
23 affiliations, said registration officers to be designated by
24 the county clerk and the hearing and final revision of the
25 registry heretofore conducted by the board of revision shall be
26 performed by the county clerk or his deputy on the Monday and

1 Tuesday following precinct registration. Said revision under
2 this Section shall take place at the office of the county clerk
3 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

4 The registration officers shall make their returns to the
5 county clerk not later than noon of the day following the last
6 day of the canvass of registration provided by this Section.

7 The election authorities shall issue credentials to
8 registration day pollwatchers in the manner and on the terms
9 prescribed in Section 17-23 with respect to pollwatchers at
10 elections. Registration day pollwatchers shall be allowed to
11 see the names and addresses of the people who have registered
12 during the course of the day.

13 No person shall, at any precinct registration or
14 reregistration, do any electioneering or soliciting of votes or
15 engage in any political discussion within any precinct
16 registration place or within 30 feet thereof. Nothing in this
17 Act shall be construed to prohibit any candidate from being
18 present in or near any precinct registration place. All persons
19 who register to vote at any precinct registration place must be
20 residents of the precinct in which they register.

21 (Source: P.A. 81-1535.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.